



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Wind Cave National Park
26611 US Hwy 385
Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747

IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 01, 2012

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority described in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.5 (a)(1), all lands within the newly expanded boundary addition of Wind Cave National Park (5,555 acres formerly known as the Sanson/Casey Ranch (See Map) will be temporarily closed to the public while the park addresses public safety, resource protection, and environmental compliance issues.

Closure Areas and Dates:

Buildings/Structures/Equipment:

- All buildings, sheds, garages, wells, barns, equipment and/or any structure located within the former Casey Ranch property are closed to public entry or use.

Roads and Trails:

- All two track, ATV, foot trails, and gravel roads within the former Casey Ranch property are closed to public entry or use.

Backcountry Areas:

- All backcountry areas within the former Casey Ranch property are closed to public entry or use.

Closure Dates:

- DATES: From January 01, 2012 until September 30, 2012. Please note this closure may be shortened or extended based on safety, resource protection, or environmental compliance considerations.

Notification:

- Public notice will be issued through a press release and via the park website. Signs will also be posted to alert the public.

Exceptions:

- Park personnel, contractors, and utility company personnel on official business are exempt.
- During this closure the Superintendent may occasionally authorize limited public entry by means of ranger guided tours or permits.

Questions concerning the new park addition can be addressed by contacting the Superintendent at Wind Cave National Park (605-745-4600).

Vidal Davila
Park Superintendant